

Heathen Woman's Friend.

BEHOLD, THE LORD HATH
REDAEMED UNTO THE END OF THE WORLD.
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DAUGHTER OF ZION: BEHOLD.
THY SALVATION COMETH.
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SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1875.

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SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

THE General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society opened its sixth annual meeting in Baltimore, May 5, 1875.

The seven branches were represented by the following secretaries and delegates:—

New England.—Mrs. C. P. Taplin, Mrs. L. H. Daggett, Mrs. John Kendrick.

New York.—Mrs. W. B. Skidmore, Mrs. M. S. Wheeler, Mrs. S. E. Rose.

Northwestern.—Mrs. J. F. Willing, Mrs. I. L. Hauser, Mrs. M. T. Lathrop.

Western.—Mrs. L. E. Prescott, Mrs. Bishop Andrews, Miss Phebe Elliot.

Philadelphia.—Mrs. J. F. Keene, Mrs. E. B. Stevens, Mrs. J. F. Long.

Cincinnati.—Mrs. W. B. Davis, Mrs. Bishop Clark, Mrs. W. A. Ingham.

Baltimore.—Miss Isabel Hart, Miss M. C. Fisher, Mrs. J. W. Somers.

The committee organized by electing Mrs. F. A. Crook, of Baltimore, President; Mrs. R. R. Battee, of Baltimore, Secretary; and Mrs. Dr. Lowry of Philadelphia, Assistant Secretary.

Early in the first sitting Bishop Ames was introduced; his cordial and encouraging words will long be remembered by all present. He honored the meeting with his presence many

times afterward, manifesting great interest in all its proceedings.

Mrs. Doughty, Corresponding Secretary of Cincinnati Branch, was detained by illness, and a committee was appointed to draft resolutions of sympathy and regret. Mrs. Scott, who was expected to represent the work in India, did not reach this country in time for the meeting; her absence was a great disappointment, as no missionary fresh from the work was in attendance. Mrs. Gracey and Mrs. Hauser, who returned some years since, aided greatly by their experience and counsel.

A delegation from the Baltimore Preachers' Association gave the ladies a warm welcome to their beautiful city. Mrs. Willing in a very happy manner responded to the address.

The reports of corresponding secretaries were very satisfactory, showing that earnest effort during the year had been repaid by results which called forth thanksgiving and praise; nearly three hundred auxiliaries were formed during the year, and over \$62,000 raised.

The present condition of our work in the different foreign fields, and the prospects opening up before our missionaries, were well brought out by the reading of numerous letters. These letters occupied no little time, but were interesting and profitable, giving to all present valuable information of the plans, purposes, and prosperity of the Society at home and abroad.

Miss Letitia Campbell, of Cambridge, Mass., presented her testimonials and was accepted as a proper person to be employed by the Society.

The estimates from the mission fields were carefully and prayerfully considered, and \$63,000 taken as the sum to be raised during the present year. Nothing gave the committee more sorrow than their inability to give all that was asked by

their faithful laborers among those perishing for lack of knowledge.

The anniversary was held in the First Methodist Church. Bishop Ames presided with his usual eloquence and ease, adding much to the interest of the occasion. The annual report was read by Mrs. Lowry, of Philadelphia. Mrs. Willing and Mrs. Taplin addressed the large and attentive audience.

The meeting of the committee continued until May 13, the days being closely filled with active labor.

So brief an outline gives but a faint idea of this unusually interesting meeting. No report can do it justice.

Nothing could exceed the thoughtful foresight, the Christian kindness and courtesy of the people of Baltimore. The most ample accommodations were provided for the work of the committee in the First Church. The spacious vestry afforded audience room, rooms for standing committees, and opportunity for delightful intercourse and delicious luncheon. The different churches of the city vied with each other in the bountiful collations provided.

The meeting throughout was one of the greatest harmony. All did not see alike, but knew how to yield personal preference for the general good.

The first half hour of each business session was spent in prayer. The work of standing committees was preceded and often interrupted by a season of devotion. No one could be present at these various meetings without being convinced that the one great desire of all was the glory of God and the progress of his kingdom in the earth.

The pastor of the First Church had for some time held a daily meeting for prayer and testimony at five in afternoon. He requested the committee to take charge of these meetings during their stay in the city, and some one of their number was appointed each day to conduct the service of the hour. These meetings were largely attended and were seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

Missionary meetings were held every evening but one in various churches, and on the Sabbath every one who would consent to speak was drafted into service.

Little time was left for social enjoyment, but none will forget the pleasant reception at the homes of Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Crook, or the drive in the beautiful park on Saturday afternoon.

Everything connected with the meeting was exceedingly encouraging, and the Society may reasonably expect a year of prosperity to succeed.

God is our refuge and strength.

REPORTS OF BRANCHES.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

OFFICERS. — *President*, Mrs. Rev. Dr. Patten.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. L. H. Daggett.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Rev. C. P. Taplin.

Treasurer, Mrs. Thomas A. Rich.

Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Edward Nichols.

Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Bishop Baker, Mrs. Bishop Wiley, Mrs. E. F. Porter, Mrs. L. Flanders, Mrs. Rev. Dr. Warren, Mrs. A. Ellis, Mrs. L. Hull, Mrs. Rev. C. Field, Mrs. B. H. Barnes, Mrs. P. Holway, Mrs. W. F. Claffin, Miss M. H. Lindsay, Mrs. T. P. Richardson, Mrs. A. D. Hatch, Mrs. A. C. Knight, Mrs. Benj. Badger, Mrs. Rev. Dr. Barrows, Mrs. Rev. Dr. Cummings, Mrs. Rev. A. Binney, Mrs. Rev. Dr. Torsey, Mrs. G. E. Taylor, Mrs. Rev. George Pratt, Mrs. William McGilvery, Mrs. John Kendrick, Mrs. J. D. Flint, Mrs. Rev. W. D. Malcom, Mrs. Rev. H. W. Worthen.

Managers, Mrs. B. J. Pope, Mrs. Rev. M. Trafton, Mrs. Silas Pierce, Mrs. J. P. Magee, Mrs. B. B. Russell, Mrs. W. C. Child, Mrs. R. M. Pomeroy, Mrs. D. E. Polaud, Mrs. J. S. Damrell, Mrs. H. B. Smith, Mrs. G. E. Haven, Mrs. Thomas Bagnall, Mrs. Harvey Scudder, Mrs. Rev. J. W. Hamilton, Mrs. John Noble, Mrs. Ann Tirrell, Mrs. Rev. J. H. Mansfield, Mrs. Edwin Fogg, Mrs. J. W. Tower, Miss L. A. Campbell, Mrs. Rev. L. B. Bates.

Auditor, J. P. Magee.

REPORT.

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| Cash on hand April 1, 1874 | \$1,278 53 |
| Received up to April 1, 1875 | 9,682 54 |
| | <hr/> \$10,961 07 |
| Disbursements during the year | 9,125 08 |
| Balance in hand | <hr/> \$1,835 99 |

The New England Branch assumed work for the past year amounting to \$10,247.00, including \$1,000 provisional fund. Of this \$5,125 were appropriated for India, \$2,150 for China, \$1,422 for South America, and \$550 for Mexico.

The year was not without financial trial and discouragement, but God honored unwavering faith and unabated toil, giving the means to meet all obligations.

We have at present but two missionaries in the field, — Miss Swain in Bareilly, India, and Miss Chapin in Rosario, South America.

This Branch supports sixteen Bible-women, twelve schools in Moradabad, twenty-one orphans in Bareilly, two in Mexico, and twenty-three girls in the Moradabad Boarding-School. Encouraging reports reach us from all points, and we know that He who prompts the giving at home is bringing rich fruitage from the seed sown abroad.

During the year twenty-seven auxiliaries were organized. We now number one hundred and eighty-seven auxiliaries, with a membership of about 5,875. We have four honorary patrons, thirteen honorary managers, three hundred and thirty life members. This is a little increase over the previous year: shall it be more for the next? The Master will say of the women represented in this Branch, They have done well: can He say, They have done what they could?

MRS. C. P. TAPLIN, *Cor. Sec.*

NEW YORK BRANCH.

OFFICERS. — *President*, Mrs. Rev. Dr. Olin.

Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Dr. Kidder, Mrs. J. A. Wright, Mrs. M. A. Robinson, Mrs. E. L. Janes, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. Chace, Mrs. Dr. Hibbard, Mrs. Dr. Lore, Mrs. Dr. Steele, Mrs. Sayre, Mrs. Dr. Clark, Mrs. Nye, Mrs. Hillman, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Van Horn, Mrs. Latimer, Mrs. Child, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Dounce, Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. J. B. Foote, Mrs. E. Remington, Mrs. N. Foote, Mrs. Shove, Mrs. Weed, Mrs. G. T. Cobb, Mrs. H. S. Carlton, Mrs. Dr. Crooks, Mrs. James, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Lockwood, Mrs. Dr. Reid, Mrs. Dr. Dashiell.

Treasurer, Mrs. Orange Judd.

Assistant Treasurer, Miss Helen Miles.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. J. Knowles.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. B. Skidmore.

Assistant Conference Secretaries, Mrs. Joseph Hillman, Mrs. Dr. Lore, Mrs. Rev. E. Bruce, Mrs. A. P. Ripley, Mrs. Rev. M. S. Wheeler, Mrs. F. W. Judd, Mrs. Dr. Hibbard, Mrs. E. C. Chase, Mrs. Dr. Crane, Mrs. Dr. Kidder.

REPORT.

Receipts during the year, from April 1, 1874, to April 1, 1875:

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| Receipts | \$12,707 17 |
| Disbursed | 12,689 96 |

The New York Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is embarrassed by the many points of interest which present themselves for consideration both at home and abroad. Of necessity, we are confined to dry statistics, which, however, speak eloquently to our hearts, and

awaken profound gratitude to Him who has watched over us in love in both hemispheres.

We have increased the number of auxiliaries by the addition of fifty-three new organizations during the year. The present number of members is 7,300; subscribers to the HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND, 3,298.

Miss Sparkes and Miss Pultz are still laboring with blessed results at their posts in Bareilly and Moradabad. Miss Hastings, in Mexico, has labored faithfully amid discouragements. It is the work of years to educate native helpers, which is the object we desire to accomplish. Her knowledge of the Spanish has enabled her to translate the catechisms for the benefit of the schools. In addition to our former work, we have, by direction of the General Executive Committee, furnished outfit and passage to Miss Trask, a medical lady appointed to Foochow, China, and to Miss Lore, a medical lady sent to Moradabad, India. We have gratifying reports from both these ladies, and expressions of great satisfaction from those with whom they are associated in the missions. Our assistant corresponding secretaries have met with gratifying success in their different Conferences in organizing auxiliaries, and we trust the day is not far distant when a Society will be in working order in every charge.

H. SKIDMORE, *Cor. Sec.*

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

OFFICERS. — *President*, Mrs. Gov. Beveridge, Springfield, Ill.

Cor. Secretary, Mrs. J. F. Willing, Bloomington, Ill.

State Secretaries, Wisconsin, Mrs. S. J. Steele, Appleton; Michigan, Miss S. A. Rulison, Flint; Illinois, Mrs. I. R. Hitt, Evanston; Indiana, Miss Kate Sample, Muncie.

Asst. State Secretaries, Wisconsin, Mrs. J. Hauser, Milwaukee; Michigan, Mrs. L. C. York, Medina; Illinois, Mrs. Prof. J. R. Jaques, Bloomington; Indiana, Mrs. Rev. Dr. A. Wood, Williamsport.

Rec. Secretary, Mrs. Dr. I. N. Danforth, Chicago, Ill.

Treasurer, Mrs. R. F. Queal, Evanston, Ill.

REPORT.

Though in common with all benevolent interests, our Society has suffered somewhat in finance, we believe its work has moved steadily forward. We have received during the year \$10,919 and disbursed \$12,608. We have supported seven missionaries, besides orphans, schools, and Bible-women, in India, China,

South America, Japan, Mexico, and Bulgaria. We have made earnest efforts to secure permanency in our work by organizing District Associations, thus giving each auxiliary closer supervision than it can possibly secure from Branch officers. A number of young ladies' societies have been organized. We regard this one of the most hopeful and important features of our work.

JENNIE F. WILLING, *Cor. Sec.*

WESTERN BRANCH.

OFFICERS. — *President*, Mrs. Bishop Andrews.

Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Rev. C. C. Mabee, Mrs. C. C. Nourse, Mrs. C. H. Gatch, Mrs. Dr. Johnson, Mrs. Rev. — Berry, Mrs. Rev. — Sexton, Rev. — Andres, Mrs. A. S. W. Goodwin, Mrs. Rev. J. L. Walker, Mrs. M. C. Bignell, Mrs. C. B. Fisk, Mrs. E. C. Briggs, Mrs. Bishop Bowman, Mrs. Rev. B. St. James Fry, Mrs. Rev. C. A. Van Anda, Mrs. H. Maria Miller, Mrs. Rev. J. J. Bentley, Mrs. M. E. Timmons, Mrs. Rev. J. N. Pierce, Mrs. Thomas Simpson, Mrs. Mary C. Nind, Mrs. Pascall Smith, Mrs. M. Anna Crooker, Mrs. Rev. M. H. Sterrett, Mrs. J. Wheeler, Miss Phebe Elliott, Mrs. Rev. J. A. Ware, Miss A. Mills, Mrs. J. J. Young, Mrs. D. N. Cooley, Mrs. Rev. H. U. Houghton, Mrs. Rev. W. E. Fawcett, Mrs. Rev. J. O. Kemble, Mrs. Rev. J. B. Blackney, Mrs. Rev. J. Ridlington, Mrs. Rev. J. J. Thompson, Mrs. W. M. Fairchild, Mrs. Mary Chrisman, Mrs. Rev. H. D. Fisher, Mrs. E. H. Phelps, Mrs. M. L. Berry, Mrs. R. G. Jameson, Mrs. J. H. Beardsley, Mrs. R. U. Harris, Mrs. Goodrich, Mrs. Rev. B. F. Cray.

Treasurer, Mrs. E. K. Stanley.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. W. Fink.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lucy E. Prescott.

Assistant Corresponding Secretaries, Iowa, Miss Isabella S. Leonard; Kansas, Miss A. L. Morrow; Minnesota, Mrs. Rev. Chauncey Hobart; Nebraska, Mrs. Angie F. Newman; Colorado, Mrs. Rev. B. T. Vincent.

Managers, Mrs. — Read, Mrs. C. B. Willis, Mrs. A. D. Wright, Mrs. A. Redhead, Mrs. E. Dimmitt, Mrs. N. T. Vorse, Mrs. A. J. Stayte, Mrs. M. C. Maccoy, Mrs. T. M. Vincent, Mrs. F. Butler.

Auditor, Mr. J. W. Muffy.

REPORT.

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| Balance in treasury at last report | \$683 48 |
| Received during the year | 6,091 44 |
| Paid out | 5,971 14 |
| Balance now in treasury | 803 78 |
| Auxiliaries | 129 |
| Members | 4,454 |
| Life-members | 109 |
| Honorary Managers | 6 |
| Subscriptions for HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND | 1,780 |

From year to year we have told the same story, of a large field and few workers. Never since our organization have we passed a year

with so much to depress us as the one just closed. The few who have organized auxiliaries have been engaged very largely in other departments of church-labor, and have given but little time to this. The grasshopper scourge has swept over a large part of our district, reducing the number of auxiliaries in active operation, and precluding the possibility of forming new ones. Still the Spirit of the Lord has breathed upon those unused to care for heathen women; and while ministering to those who in their distress laid down the work, they were awakened to larger benevolences, and thus, by life-members and honorary managers, we have an increase of funds in our treasury, so that, although we have fewer members, we report \$400 more than last year.

There are ladies in every State in our Branch who feel that God's peculiar benediction rests upon those engaged in this work; in some instances revivals have followed as the result of the organization of a missionary society.

The Des Moines ladies welcome the headquarters to their city, and consecrate themselves to the work heartily as unto the Lord. We are hopeful and trustful, relying upon Him who recommissions us to be the light of the world.

LUCY E. PRESCOTT, *Cor. Sec.*

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

OFFICERS. — *President*, Mrs. Bishop Clark.

Vice-Presidents, Ladies Riddle, Wilbur, Whetstone, Comegys, Parker, Simpkinson, Nast, Benton, Rudisall, Thompson, Greathouse, and Cochran.

Rec. Secretary, Miss D. A. Lathrop.

Asst. Secretary, Mrs. W. A. Gamble.

Cor. Secretary, Mrs. W. A. Ingham.

Treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Davis.

Managers, Ladies House, J. Decamp, Williams, Dale, Elstneo, Crawford, Hagans, T. J. Davis, Hamilton, Lindsay, Crawford, Wilson, and Colter.

Auditor, Dr. Hitchcock.

Conference Secretaries, Cincinnati Conference, Mrs. Chas. Ferguson, Waynesville; Ohio Conference, Mrs. E. V. Bing, Newark; Central Ohio Conference, Mrs. A. S. Clason, Delaware; North Ohio Conference, Mrs. H. M. Ingham, Cleveland; West Virginia Conference, Miss L. M. Boyd, Wheeling; Winchester Conference, Mrs. Hagans, Wheeling; Kentucky Conference, Mrs. Savage, Covington; Pittsburg Conference (fractional), Mrs. K. P. Bruch, Canton; Erie Conference (fractional), Mrs. W. A. Ingham, Cleveland; Baltimore Conference (fractional), Miss Lizzie Russell, Piedmont.

District Secretaries, North Ohio Conference, Cleveland

District, Mrs. H. M. Ingham, Galvin, Mrs. Dr. Campbell, Wooster, Mrs. Dr. Painter; Central Ohio Conference, Kenton, Mrs. Rev. Wykes; Findlay, Mrs. Rev. Jones; Delaware, Mrs. M. R. Haynes; Bellefontaine, Mrs. Dr. Adams. Ohio Conference, Columbus, Mrs. S. M. D. Fry; Zanesville, Mrs. E. V. Bing; Portsmouth, Mrs. Rev. Mitchell; Lancaster, Mrs. Rev. Creighton; London, Miss Warner; Chillicothe, Mrs. S. F. King; Gallipolis, Mrs. Bicknell; Marietta, Miss K. Brawley. Cincinnati Conference, East Cincinnati, Mrs. Rev. Runyon; West Cincinnati, Mrs. Rev. Dustin; Dayton, Mrs. Rev. Herr; Springfield, Miss F. Williams; Hillsboro', Mrs. Pickering; Ripley, Mrs. Straps.

Report of District Secretaries is not complete.

REPORT.

Our fifth year closes with 509 Auxiliaries, 187 Life Members, 10 Honorary Managers, and 3 Honorary Patrons.

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| Cash on hand April, 1874 | \$5,227 13 |
| Receipts during year | 10,992 98 |
| Total | 16,220 11 |
| Disbursements | 9,579 86 |
| Balance April, 1875 | \$6,640 25 |

Our work abroad has been, —

In India, Bareilly Orphanage, Miss Leming's salary. Lucknow, Miss Thoburn's salary, three Bible-women, two scholarships in Christian schools. Barabanki, Girls' School. Shahjehanpore, Girls' School. Morabadad Home, Bible-women. Hurdui Bible-women.

In China, Foochow, six deaconesses, three day-schools, school-room furniture. Kiukiang, Medical missionary, provisional for medical missionary, Personal teacher, Home. Peking, Home.

In Mexico, Mexico City, four orphans. Pachuca, Miss Warner's salary, Personal teachers, twelve months' rent for house and school, furniture for school, Home.

In retrospect of the past year we find that some of the most efficient workers have been transferred to a higher sphere of labor. Death has entered the homes of others, and the very light and joy of the household has been taken; on others the hand of disease has been heavily laid; but the work will go on though the workers fall, and in the future we shall rejoice we have had a name and a place in this glorious cause.

MRS. GEO. E. DOUGHTY,
Cor. Sec.

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

OFFICERS. — *President*, Mrs. James Long.
Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Bishop Simpson, Mrs. Bishop Kingsley, Mrs. W. A. Lowrey, Miss Mary Lowber, Mrs. C. Scott, Mrs. O. B. Gause, Mrs. J. M. Longacre, The pastors' wives of the City Churches.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. F. Keen.

Assistant Corresponding Secretaries, Miss Ella Simpson, Mrs. E. A. Johnson, Pittsburg, Mrs. P. L. Bennett, Wilkesbarre.

Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. M. Whitaker.

Recording Secretary, Miss Adelaide Townsend.

Conference Secretaries, Mrs. E. B. Stevens, Wilmington Conf., Miss M. McCord, Central Pennsylvania Conf.

Organizing Secretaries, Mrs. O. B. Gause, Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. J. S. Austin, Reno, Pa., Mrs. Safford, Kingston, Pa., Miss M. Hunnings, Pittsburg, Pa., Miss J. Homer, Allegheny City, Pa.

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| Auxiliaries, | 113 |
| Members, | 4,949 |

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| From April 1, 1874, to April 1, 1875, Received | \$6,517.29 |
| Disbursements | 5,850.89 |
| Balance | \$666.40 |

The planting of Christ's kingdom, whether in the individual heart or in a heathen nation, always means sacrifice. Although the glory and peace which follow are such a superabounding reward, and so brighten the early darkness that we forget the pain of the sacrifice, yet the fact remains and is recognized in the Word of Truth. The first steps are taken in hardness and affliction, with but dim foreshadowing of the glory that is to be revealed. The missions now established have passed beyond the most trying time of loneliness and persecution, and are beginning to gather in the early fruits.

In China this Branch has supported Miss Dr. Combs and her medical work at Peking, contributing \$2,000 dollars towards the erection of an hospital in that city.

Our two Bible-women in Kiu-Kiang are evidently growing in religious knowledge and experience. The essay by one of them, Mrs. Long, prepared for their annual meeting, is familiar to the readers of the FRIEND, and is a most grateful testimony to the advance and effectiveness of our mission work. In India the Branch has supported fourteen orphans, the entire work among the women at Cawnpore, all the schools for native girls at Lucknow, and the assistant native missionary. The Home in Morabadad has also received aid, and the mission in South

America. Four orphans in the city of Mexico have their patrons in this Branch, which has also assisted the school building in Pachuca. God has marvellously answered prayer in the raising of the necessary funds for this year.

MRS. J. F. KEEN, *Cor. Sec.*

BALTIMORE BRANCH.

OFFICERS. — *President*, Mrs. Frances A. Crook.

Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Bishop Ames, Mrs. Thomas Sewall, Mrs. John Bingham, Mrs. J. S. Berry, Mrs. D. H. Carrol, Mrs. W. D. Leitch, Mrs. Dr. Owings, Baltimore; Mrs. John L. Turner, Pikesville; Mrs. A. Boyd, Frederick; Mrs. G. W. Cooper, Winchester District; Mrs. Geo. Linville, Washington, D. C.

Corresponding Secretary, Miss Isabel Hart.

Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Gen. Cowen.

Recording Secretary, Miss M. V. Munroe.

Treasurer, Mrs. M. G. Hamilton.

REPORT.

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| Balance in treasury last year | \$993 60 |
| Received during year | 4,581 77 |
| Expended | 4,832 78 |
| Balance | 742 59 |
| Auxiliaries | 60 |
| Members | 2,650 |
| Subscribers to FRIEND | 635 |

Transition periods are necessarily and peculiarly test periods, proving as by fire the strength and the stuff of people, principles, and work. Through such an ordeal during the year has our Society been passing. The glow of novelty had passed, the force of mere emotional impulse was spent, early enthusiasm had waned. The work had as yet scarcely established itself among the recognized regular working forces of the church, running by force of habit and supported by pledged ministerial effort.

Only deep conviction, fixed principle, firm resolve could carry it through this stage. We thank God that in most cases these have not failed. While the faith of some has faltered, and their love grown cold, and their hands hung down, most of our women have heard in this work the call of the Master, and have responded, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth; what wilt Thou have me do it?"

There have also been hampering, hindering circumstances of a personal character, under which to have held our own was to accomplish much. This, and somewhat more we have done. We would that we could report larger increase

of members, auxiliaries, and subscribers to the FRIEND; but we know now the foundations are laid, and the work shall abide and extend.

In Foochow, our boarding-school has satisfactorily continued its solid, steady work, which for years has been as leaven there, permeating the social life. Our six day-schools have been in active operation, under care of Mrs. Baldwin and the Misses Woolston, and the opportunity has arisen for the opening of several others within the radius of a hundred miles from Foochow. In Kiu Kiang, Miss Howe writes us that our day-school is of a much better order, and attended by a greatly superior class of children than generally obtained, so much so that visitors are surprised that such have been induced to attend. In Bareilly the report from our orphans is encouraging, and to a degree that from our Bible-readers.

Opposition and persecution are so rife in Mexico that as yet we have not heard of much success, and must labor in faith and wait in patience.

Africa stretches out her hands imploringly to us. Our branch has responded, and has good reports of the native school in Bixby Bassa County, and most earnest appeals from the Secretary of the Liberia Conference that we should undertake more work.

ISABEL HART, *Cor. Sec.*

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1875-6.

NEW-ENGLAND BRANCH.

India.

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| Moradabad Christian girls' school | \$600 00 |
| City schools | 200 00 |
| Home | 1,000 00 |
| Bible-women | 190 00 |
| Medical work | 100 00 |
| Bareilly, Miss Swain's salary | 600 00 |
| Incidentals | 150 00 |
| Assistant | 100 00 |
| Orphanage | 360 00 |
| Bijnour | 250 00 |
| Budaon | 300 00 |
| Amroha | 200 00 |
| Panahpore | 200 00 |
| Roy Bareilly | 300 00 |
| Total | \$4,550 00 |

China.

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| Peking, outfit and passage for teacher | \$1,500 00 |
| Hospital | 1,000 00 |
| School expenses | 400 00 |
| Foochow, one deaconess under Mrs. Plumb | 24 00 |
| Total | \$2,924 00 |

South America.

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| Miss Chapin's salary | \$600 00 |
| Incidentals | 150 00 |
| Personal teacher | 72 00 |
| House rent | 600 00 |
| Orphanage | 300 00 |

Total\$1,722 00

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| Bible-woman | \$60 00 |
| Orphanage | 400 00 |

Total460 00

Provisional1,000 00

Grand total.....\$10,656 00

NEW YORK BRANCH.

India.

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| Moradabad Home | \$1,000 00 |
| Miss Pultz's salary | 600 00 |
| Incidentals | 150 00 |
| Miss Lore's salary | 600 00 |
| Incidentals | 150 00 |
| Medical work | 200 00 |
| Bible-woman | 60 00 |
| Bareilly, Miss Sparkes' salary | 600 00 |
| Incidentals | 150 00 |
| Orphanage | 600 00 |
| Bible-women | 300 00 |
| City girls' school | 150 00 |
| Kinra Bajhira school | 150 00 |
| Budaon | 440 00 |
| Bible-women | 180 00 |
| Hurlui, Bible-woman | 60 00 |
| Lucknow, scholarship | 60 00 |
| Eastern Kumaon, Bible-women | 100 00 |
| Paori, medical work | 100 00 |
| Panahpore | 100 00 |

Total\$5,750 00

China.

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| Peking, repairs on buildings | \$75 00 |
| Kiu-Kiang, one day-school teacher | 50 00 |
| Rent and repairs | 450 00 |
| Day school | 50 00 |
| Foochow, Miss Trask's salary | 600 00 |
| Incidentals | 150 00 |
| Personal teacher | 120 00 |
| Hospital | 4,000 00 |
| Dispensary | 200 00 |
| Deaconess | 48 00 |

Total\$5,743 00

Japan.

\$300 00

Bulgaria.

\$114 00

South America.

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| Orphanage | \$150 00 |
| Orphanage expenses | 300 00 |

Total\$450 00

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| Miss Hastings' salary | \$600 00 |
| Incidentals | 150 00 |
| Personal teacher | 108 00 |
| Bible-woman | 60 00 |
| Orphanage | 800 00 |

Total\$1,718 00

Provisional1,000 00

Grand total.....\$15,975 00

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

India.

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| Paori, Orphanage | \$300 00 |
| Boarding-school | 75 00 |
| Srinugger, girl's school | 100 00 |
| Sumbhal | 150 00 |
| Chandansi | 50 00 |
| Bareilly, Orphanage | 300 00 |
| Two scholarships | 60 00 |
| Miss Tinsley's salary | 600 00 |
| Incidentals | 150 00 |
| Miss Rowe's salary | 360 00 |

Total\$2,145 00

China.

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| Peking, school expenses | \$200 00 |
| Foochow, salary of Miss S. H. Woolston | 600 00 |
| Incidentals | 150 00 |
| Personal teacher | 120 00 |
| Schools to be opened by Mrs. Baldwin | 160 00 |
| One deaconess under Miss Woolston | 36 00 |
| Three deaconesses under Mrs. Baldwin | 72 00 |
| Travelling expenses | 15 00 |
| Kiu-Kiang, Miss Howe's salary | 600 00 |
| Incidentals | 150 00 |
| Personal teacher | 120 00 |
| Miss Hoag's salary | 600 00 |
| Incidentals | 150 00 |
| Personal teacher | 120 00 |
| Matron | 50 00 |
| Furniture and incidentals | 50 00 |
| Land and wall for hospital | 1,200 00 |
| Orphan eighteen months | 75 00 |
| To finish Home | 600 00 |
| Deficiency in exchange | 300 00 |

Total\$5,368 00

Japan.

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| Miss Schoonmaker's salary | \$600 00 |
| Incidentals | 150 00 |
| For sending teacher | 500 00 |

Total\$1,250 00

South America.

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| Miss Denning's salary | \$600 00 |
| Incidentals | 150 00 |
| Bible-women | 100 00 |

Total\$850 00

Bulgaria.

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| Bible-women | \$105 00 |
| One girl to educate | 75 00 |

Total\$180 00

Mezico.

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| Orphanage | \$300 00 |
| Provisional | 1,500 00 |

Total\$1,800 00

Grand total.....\$11,593 00

WESTERN BRANCH.

India.

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| Moradabad, Miss Blackmar's salary | \$600 00 |
| Incidentals | 150 00 |
| Bareilly, Orphanage | 480 00 |
| Paori, Girls' Orphanage | 60 00 |
| Seetapore, girls' school and Bible-women | 200 00 |
| Srinugger, rent of Sanitarium | 150 00 |
| Budaon, Bible-woman | 60 00 |
| Gondah, schools and Bible-women | 200 00 |

Total\$1,900 00

China.

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| Peking, Miss Porter's salary | \$600 00 |
| Incidentals | 150 00 |
| Personal teacher | 120 00 |
| Matron | 30 00 |
| Foochow, watchman | 42 00 |
| One school under Mrs. Plumb | 80 00 |
| One school to be opened under Mrs. Plumb | 80 00 |
| One deaconess under Mrs. Plumb | 24 00 |
| Kiu-Kiang, one Bible-reader | 50 00 |
| Boarding-school teacher | 50 00 |

Total\$1,226 00

Japan.

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| Personal teacher | \$120 00 |
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| Orphanage | \$200 00 |
| Pachuca, assistant teacher | 180 00 |

Total\$380 00

Grand total.....\$3,626 00

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

| <i>India.</i> | |
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| Bareilly, Orphanage..... | \$300 00 |
| Lucknow, Miss Thoburn's salary..... | 600 00 |
| Incidentals..... | 150 00 |
| Boarding-school..... | 300 00 |
| Assistants..... | 200 00 |
| Four scholarships in Miss Thoburn's school..... | 120 00 |
| Three Bible-women..... | 180 00 |
| Shahjehanpore, schools..... | 160 00 |
| Two Bible-women..... | 120 00 |
| Barabanki, schools..... | 100 00 |
| For Miss Leming's return..... | 500 00 |
| Total..... | \$2,730 00 |

China.

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| Foochow, four day-schools (Mrs. Baldwin)..... | \$320 00 |
| Two deaconesses..... | 48 00 |
| Insurance on school-house..... | 45 00 |
| Peking, wall..... | 250 00 |
| Kiu-Kiang, Miss Mason's salary..... | 600 00 |
| Incidentals..... | 150 00 |
| Personal teacher..... | 120 00 |
| Boarding-school..... | 2,000 00 |
| Total..... | \$3,533 00 |

Mexico.

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| Miss Warner's salary..... | \$600 00 |
| Incidentals..... | 150 00 |
| Personal teacher..... | 120 00 |
| Miss Warner's assistant..... | 180 00 |
| Eight orphans..... | 400 00 |
| Rent..... | 105 00 |
| Total..... | \$1,555 00 |

South America.

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| One orphan..... | \$75 00 |
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Japan.

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| An outfit of missionary..... | \$500 00 |
| Provisional..... | 3,777 00 |
| Grand total..... | \$12,170 00 |

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

India.

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| Lucknow, Christian girls' school..... | \$400 00 |
| Bareilly, Orphanage..... | 360 00 |
| Moradabad, city schools..... | 110 00 |
| Faori, Orphanage..... | 60 00 |
| Boarding-school..... | 125 00 |
| Miss Mooney's salary..... | 180 00 |
| Cawnpore..... | 200 00 |
| Total..... | \$1,435 00 |

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| Peking, Miss Comb's salary..... | \$600 00 |
| Incidentals..... | 150 00 |
| Personal teacher..... | 120 00 |
| Hospital and dispensary expenses..... | 500 00 |
| To complete hospital wall..... | 250 00 |
| School and Home building..... | 50 00 |
| Foochow, hospital..... | 500 00 |
| Mrs. Edgell's school..... | 80 00 |
| Kiu-Kiang, Mrs. Tong and Mrs. She..... | 100 00 |
| Rent for school building..... | 450 00 |
| Boarding-school..... | 400 00 |
| Total..... | \$3,200 00 |

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| Orphanage..... | \$300 00 |
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| Orphanage..... | \$500 00 |
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South America.

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| Orphanage..... | \$75 00 |
| Provisional..... | 500 00 |
| Total..... | \$575 00 |
| Grand total..... | \$6,010 00 |

BALTIMORE BRANCH.

India.

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| Bareilly, Girls' Orphanage..... | \$150 00 |
| Bible-women..... | 240 00 |
| Nynsee Tal, girls' school..... | 240 00 |
| Pabel, girls' school..... | 80 00 |
| Moradabad, Miss Hart's salary..... | 240 00 |
| Total..... | \$950 00 |

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| Foochow, Miss B. Woolston's salary..... | \$600 00 |
| Incidentals..... | 150 00 |
| Personal teacher..... | 120 00 |
| Repairs..... | 42 00 |
| Seven schools under Miss Woolston..... | 560 00 |
| Boarding-school..... | 800 00 |
| Deaconess..... | 24 00 |
| Travelling expenses..... | 78 00 |
| Hospital..... | 500 00 |
| Kiu-Kiang, day-school..... | 50 00 |
| Peking, day-school teacher..... | 84 00 |
| Total..... | \$3,008 00 |

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| Bixby school..... | \$200 00 |
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Africa.

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| Orphanage..... | \$250 00 |
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| Bible-reader..... | 60 00 |
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| Total..... | \$310 00 |
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| Orphanage..... | \$150 00 |
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| Grand total..... | \$4,818 00 |
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REPORTS OF MISSIONS.

INDIA.

MORADABAD.

Mrs. Parker, Miss Blackmar, Miss Pultz, Mrs. McHenry, *Missionaries*; Miss Purvis, *Inspectress City Schools*; Shulluk, Jane Plumer, *Medical Bible Women*; Mrs. Haqq, Mrs. Banerjee, Nettie Sigler, Emma Fish, Lizzie, Kathrina, Laura, Ella Porter, Begum, *Bible Women and Teachers*.

CITY GIRLS' SCHOOLS. — These are twelve in number, ten for Mohammedan girls and two for Hindoo girls. About three hundred are in attendance. All are under the supervision of Miss Purvis, who is assisted by one of the Bible-women in looking after the general interests of the scholars and in giving religious instruction. In seven of these schools we have Sunday Schools regularly, and in all religious instruction is prominent in the daily teaching.

CHRISTIAN GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL. — Miss Blackmar has had charge of this school, but on account of illness was obliged to be away from her work for five months of the year. On this account all that was hoped with regard to the school has not been accomplished. At the commencement of the year the rooms completed in

the school-building were occupied, and the school was reopened with better accommodation and prospects than ever before. The native Christians, seeing the conveniences provided for their girls, became more willing to send them; and the native pastor of the village Christians being an earnest worker for the school, the number of applicants from among the uneducated village Christians has been greater than formerly.

A number of large girls, who had been betrothed before becoming Christians, have been sent to the school to remain one or two years in order that they may learn to read and write, to sing, knit, and sew, and also become better established in religious faith and experience. In another school at Amroha the young men to whom these girls have been betrothed are being taught. From these pupils we hope much, as they will most of them after their marriage return to their native village, where they may do much to teach others. The number of this class of girls will doubtless increase, for every girl who goes out from the school will be a faithful worker as well as a living advertisement for it.

The whole number of girls in the school at present is forty. One of the girls has married and is now at work in Amroha as a teacher. Another who was in the school for a few months has also gone. Hawa, one of the oldest girls, has died during the year; but she died as the intelligent, trusting Christian dies, without fear, and went hopefully and joyfully to the arms of her Saviour.

The number of girls in the school is more than can be kept on permanently unless we can secure more money for their support. The school should be sustained, as a most important auxiliary to all our village work. Tenfold more people are becoming Christians in the villages of Rohilcund than in all the cities combined, and the future of these people will depend largely upon what we do for their children now.

ZENANA WORK. — This is steadily increasing in interest and importance as a means of reaching the women in the city who can only be taught in their homes. Miss Pultz has had charge of this department of the work, and writes thus concerning it: —

"With few exceptions some one in every home I visit is learning to read. I find they gain a

better knowledge of our religion, and are usually more interested, when they are able to read for themselves. Several are reading the New Testament, and all read books which contain some religious instruction. One woman did not wish to learn, as she had heard that people became Christians from reading our books. Some urge me to send the Bible-woman daily, and think it very hard when she only goes once a week. In a few instances the men of the house have been present and talked with me about the new religion. There is quite an interesting work among some of the low-caste people. Ten or fifteen women gather about me whenever I visit them. Two of the women have found their burden of sin a heavy one to bear, and have for some time been seeking forgiveness and peace."

BIBLE-WOMEN. — Two of these, Nettie Sigler and Laura, work regularly with Miss Pultz in the zenanas. Mrs. Banerjee, one of the Martha's Vineyard Bible-women, has labored more especially in Bengali families and among Hindoos of the higher class.

The medical women have been busy in their work and have had no lack of opportunities to work among the sick. One of them has been for several weeks at work in the villages, going from place to place where there were sick ones who had no other means of securing medical aid. This kind of work does much in opening the way for the other Bible-women.

NATIVE CHRISTIAN WOMEN. — Mrs. McHenry has had charge of this part of the work, and writes thus concerning it: "Immediately after Conference a school was opened on the veranda of the Mission House for the women. This has been kept up without interruption. Ella Porter, the teacher, has been very reliable and attentive to duty. Every woman in the compound except those teaching in the Girls' Boarding School or doing city work has been under instruction here. Those too old or dull to learn to read have learned the catechism or have listened to reading from the Bible and other religious books. Three women can now read the New Testament in Hindee, one who came in from a village has mastered the alphabet, and is reading the "First Book" in Hindee. Every week it has been our custom to study the Sunday-School lesson for the coming Sabbath and learn the "Golden Text,"

"Leading Thought," etc. Thursday afternoon of each week they come together for class-meeting and every month for missionary meeting; at the latter they all contribute. Their outward life has in the main adorned the doctrines of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The city schools, medical work, a part of the Girls' Boarding School, and all the Bible-women but one have been supported by the New England Branch.

The New York Branch supports Miss Pultz, Miss Purvis, and Nettie Sigler.

The St. Louis Branch supports Miss Blackmar and a part of the Boarding School.

AMROHA CIRCUIT.

Bella Cutting, *Native Pastor's wife*; Matilda Adams, Lois Judd, Elizabeth, Lucy A. Walker, *Bible-women and Teachers*.

There has been a marked improvement in the work among the women on this circuit during the year. Several have been baptized, and many of those who had before been called Christians have become more firmly established in the truths of the Gospel and in the customs inculcated by Christianity.

The Bible-women have labored faithfully among these Christian women, holding meetings specially for them, reading the Bible to those who cannot read for themselves, teaching them the Catechism, and giving them practical lessons in their every-day duties as Christian women.

The school for Christian girls which was opened at Bashta last year has been removed to Babukhera, as that seemed a better centre for such a school. The girls have made good progress in their studies, and they are learning those truths which will fit them as they grow up to become intelligent and influential Christian women.

The school for Mohammedan girls in Kant has been kept up during the year, but has not been very satisfactory as there was no Christian woman there to give religious instruction to the girls. The native preacher in charge of the work there has visited the school occasionally, and reports that there are twenty-eight girls in the school, a few of whom have learned to read.

In the city of Amroha the way has not yet opened for any permanent work among Hindoo

and Mohammedan women. There is a school for Christian women in successful operation.

This work is all supported by the New England Branch.

SUMBHAL CIRCUIT.

Mrs. Bailey, *Pastor's wife*; Josephine, Martha, Eunice, *Bible-women*; Lydia, Julia, *Teachers*.

The Bible-women have been steadily at work, and have been greatly blessed themselves while at work for others. Their work has been especially interesting among a class of Hindoos known as Chumars, and arrangements are being made for two of the women, who were formerly of this class, to live in the city among these people, where they may have constant opportunities of mingling with the women and teaching them both by precept and example.

After long and persistent effort we have succeeded in opening a school for high-caste Hindoo girls. More than fifty different girls have been connected with the school since its commencement. Several of the older ones after having learned to read have gone away to other places to live. There are now twenty-five girls in the school, all of whom are learning to read, knit, and sew. The Bible-women visit the school regularly to give religious instruction and to teach the girls to sing.

The girls in both the Mohammedan schools have done very well in their studies, and there has been decided improvement in the schools in every way.

The school for Christian girls and women, recently opened, promises to be a valuable auxiliary to our work here. All the Christian women and girls living in Sumbhal and a few girls from the villages near by are taught in this school daily, and to these we look for additional laborers for the work in this place.

This work is supported by the Northwestern Branch.

BIJNOUR.

Mrs. Ellen Paul, Mrs. Banerjee, Mrs. Plumer, Mrs. MacGregor, Agnes, Selina, Jane, *Working Staff*.

The work in this circuit is carried on from five different centres, about twenty miles from each other. It has been under the care of the wives of the native preachers and teachers in the different places.

In Bijpore, Najibabad, and Chandpore, there are girls' schools, which are doing well and are a means of access to many families where work is also carried on. The new illustrated books which have been sent out from the mission press have aided very much in interesting the girls and increasing their desire to learn to read.

In Nagina there are no schools, but Mrs. Banerjee and Agnes visit the zenanas wherever they are invited. They report that the women listen attentively to the reading of religious books, and are especially delighted with the singing of Christian hymns.

In Mandaur several have been baptized, and there are inquirers there who are glad to have their families taught. One of the Bible-women is at work here teaching the women and children the simple truths of Christianity, holding meetings with them, and teaching them how to lead Christian lives.

The work of this circuit is supported by the New England Branch.

SHAHJEHANPORE.

Mrs. Knowles, *Missionary*; Fanny, *School Teacher*; Bella, *Bible-woman*.

There are at present nine girls' schools in the station and district, numbering about one hundred and eighty-three girls in daily attendance. Seven schools are in the city and two in the district; of the latter, one school is in Tilhur and the other in Pawayan. At the beginning of the year a third school in the district was kept up in Ramapore, but that was closed, as the few girls who attended left and others could not be induced to attend in their places. All the other schools have been doing well. The girls, as a general thing, have attended very regularly and made very fair progress in their studies. About fifty girls, of the whole number attending, have learned to read Hindee or Urdu quite fluently, and to write in those languages very fairly and correctly. About twenty girls have also learned to knit socks, etc., etc., very nicely, and about seven girls have taken great delight in learning fancy work. Nearly all the girls attending have learned common sewing, and many can cut out and make their own clothes. Altogether, the progress made by these girls has been very satisfactory, and has

well repaid the money, time, and labor spent upon them.

All the girls attending are of good castes, both among Hindoos and Mohammedans. There is one school only for Mohammedan girls; the rest are made up of high-caste Hindoo girls. We have had much difficulty in starting schools, both among Mohammedans and the lower-class girls. We hope, however, to succeed better next year, especially among the latter class of native girls.

In connection with the above day school, we have five Sabbath Schools, with a regular attendance of about seventy-five. This work has been very encouraging, and, as regards the future, has grown very hopeful.

One encouraging fact has come to my notice in connection with these Sabbath Schools. This is, that some four or five of the Hindoo girls who can read have been in the habit of reading the New Testament and such religious books as the "Indian Pilgrim" to their sisters and mothers in their zenanas; and thus these dear girls have, in their way, become missionaries. In the former part of the year Miss Annie Budden kindly and voluntarily gave us her valuable assistance in visiting and teaching, both in our day and Sabbath schools, and during the latter part of the year Miss Margaret Budden followed her sister in rendering us very valuable aid in our school work. In fact, during the absence of the missionary in the Hills for a couple of months on account of sickness, Miss M. Budden very kindly took entire charge of the work. Good and faithful and constant service has also been rendered by Fanny, our Christian school-teacher.

We have one Bible-woman at work among the zenanas in the station, who is supported through the kindness of Mrs. Doctor Loch. This Bible-reader has been able, during the short time she has been employed, to gain access into eleven zenanas; seven of the zenanas are in Bahadur Gunge, one in Garrapore, two in Lall Bazariya, and one in Chaukasee Tola.

Dorcas Meetings in this station were first started in April last by Mrs. Dr. Loch, and have been kept up regularly ever since. Their object is to help the poor native Christians of Lodipore and Panahpore, as well as of Shahjehanpore station and district. A few ladies of the station, who are interested in mission work among

the women of India, together with the native Christian women of Lodipore and the station, meet together once a week at the Mission House, when each person brings something in knitting, sewing, or fancy work. When the clothes and fancy work made at these meetings are ready, they are sold, and the proceeds given to the above named object. Thus the poor Christians are helped, and all who attend are benefited by these meetings. This work is supported by the Cincinnati Branch.

EAST SHAHJAHANPORE AND PANAHPORE.

Mrs. Buck, *Missionary*; Minerva Adams, *Native Pastor's wife*; Kassi, Rancee, *Bible-readers*; Mary, Grace, Clarinda, *Teachers*.

East Shahjehanpore.

We have had during most of the year a school for the Christian women and children who live in the mission compound. They meet together daily for Scripture reading and prayers; while most of those who are unable to read are being taught. The school now numbers about thirty. Kassi spends most of her time in the village works reading and singing to the people.

During the year, in connection with the members in the city and a few of the ladies of the station, we organized a missionary society. The receipts for the year will amount to about Rs. 30. This is all separate from what is given for the general missionary collection.

Panahpore.

We are glad to say that the religious tone of the village is improving. The women still meet daily for prayers and instruction. There has been a marked improvement in this service during the past year; all their names have been registered and the daily attendance kept, so those who do not attend can be noted and visited.

The schools have been kept up as usual, while Rancee still visits in the surrounding villages.

We have also organized here a missionary society, and out of their *little* they have given cheerfully; they have raised during the year Rs. 7 and 4 pie. This is given exclusively by the women, and their giving often costs them self-denial.

This work is supported by the New York Branch.

BAREILLY.

Medical Work.

C. A. Swain, *Medical Missionary*; Rebecca Gowan, Miss Annie Lanagan, *Dispensary Assistants*; Mrs. Shehy, *Zenana Visitor*; Nellie Peters, Claudia Datt, Libbie Joel, Harriet Soule, *Bible-readers*.

Number of Dispensary Patients, 3,129; Prescriptions, 5,021; Indoor patients, 36; Outdoor patients, 150.

Miss Leming was appointed by the Conference to the zenana work, but her health did not allow her to undertake it. Four Bible-readers have been engaged in visiting zenanas constantly during the year, and they visit altogether fifty-five different families. In several of these zenanas the women are learning to read, and many of them desire to know more of our religion. We are encouraged by the good spirit manifested by the women and their eager desire to learn.

The Bible-women have had a regular course of instruction in books calculated to give them more enlarged ideas in regard to their work and influence among their hearers; they have also had a semi-weekly prayer-meeting conducted by the zenana visitor, making their work the subject of their prayers.

The medical work of this station is supported by the New England Branch, the four Bible-women by the Baltimore Branch.

Schools and Other Work.

Mrs. Brown, *Missionary*. Fannie Moulton, M. H. Thomas, C. Butler, Fannie Mason, Linda Coit, *Bible-women*.

In April of this year, the city girls' schools, which had been under Mrs. Scott's supervision, were made over to me by Mrs. Scott, in view of her being absent at the hills, and making preparations for going to America.

Two more have been opened among Hindoo girls, which at present promise well. In all under the name of mission schools we have three Hindoo, two Mohammedan, one Christian, and two sweeper schools. Mrs. Scott has very kindly taken charge of the Christian school herself. The Bible-women visit these schools every day, and this year have themselves principally managed them.

In addition to our mission schools there are ten schools belonging to the Sadar Ala in which we are allowed to visit and read and explain the

Scriptures. He very kindly invited us to his house, and one of his wives can read quite well, and is learning to knit and to do wool-work; his little daughter also reads the Hindee nicely. These schools cost us nothing more than for the Bible-women's visits.

Our Christian women in Bareilly are divided into two classes, which are met once a week by Mrs. Scott and myself. There has been a marked improvement in their spiritual progress, and there seems to be more Christian love among them than formerly.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Bareilly, which had been in existence since 1871, first organized among the wives of the men belonging to the Industrial School, afterwards joined by the older girls of the Orphanage, was reorganized among the Christian women alone, at their own request, in February, 1874, thirty-three women being present at the first meeting. The attendance since then has been tolerably good, although quite a number of the women have left Bareilly. The officers were selected from among themselves with the exception of one. The money paid in by the women of the Society was voted towards helping on a school among the sweeper class. Our meetings are held once every month, and it is encouraging to see the interest manifested among the women in giving of their little (for some are very poor) to help on this work. The amount of money collected since the Society was reorganized is Rs. 35. Donations from other parties amount to Rs. 74 for the year.

Orphanage Report.

Fannie J. Sparkes, *Superintendent*; Mrs. Ledgewick, *Matron*; Miss Bond, *Zenana Training Teacher*; Miss Jore, Miss Roberts, Miss Staig, Moulvie Zahurul Deen, 2d Moulvie, Pundit Nand Kishore, 2d Pundit, Mary Nind Luke, Jane Root Gray, Ruth Lum Sweet, *Teachers*; Tillie Gahn, Annie Tucker, Mary Fletcher, Mary Manning, *Orphan Girls*.

The Orphanage work of the past year has been much as in former years. Our number now is one hundred and fifty-four, the same as at the close of last year. Twelve of our girls have married during the year, nearly all of whom are now engaged either as mission teachers or zenana workers, while three of our number have died, each of consumption. The

first of the three expressed herself ready and willing to go, but did not leave as bright and satisfactory an evidence of having been received into the fold of Christ as did the other two. Fifteen new girls have been received into the Orphanage this year, thus numerically filling up the places of the fifteen who have left us. Our school work has been much interrupted by sickness, but the teachers have usually worked faithfully. Miss Bond has recently joined our working staff; she has for the past seven years been successfully engaged in zenana work, much of the time in connection with Miss Britton's work, both in Calcutta and Allahabad. Her especial work is to train the girls in zenana teaching, and some of the older ones go with her each day either to the zenanas or villages. The girls greatly enjoy this part of the work, and the earnestness with which they pray for those whom they daily visit attests their interest in it.

KHERA BAJERAH.

Julia Fieldbrave, *Native Pastor's wife*; Rachel Martin, *Bible-woman*.

Two Christian women have been employed here during a part of the year, one as a teacher in the girls' school and one as a Bible-woman.

A few months ago three persons of this village became Christians, and on their baptism the boys and girls both deserted the schools, and for a time the girls' school was entirely broken up. The excitement was very great, and no one could be persuaded on any account to place their girls under the influence of Christians, not so much from fear of their becoming Christians as from a desire to show their displeasure on account of the converts made, and because they, being Christians, claimed the right of drawing water from the public wells as formerly. When, however, the difficulty had been amicably settled, and it was decided that the Christians should have water as before, the excitement passed away, and the people requested not only that the school established some years ago should be reopened, but also that a second school in another part of the village should be opened. Both these schools are doing well, and now more than forty girls are under daily religious instruction.

There are several houses where the women seem anxious to learn, and quite a number can

already read the Scriptures for themselves. Perhaps there is not another village in Rohilkund where so many women who are not Christians can read, and where so many have intelligent ideas of Christianity, as in this village.

This work is supported by the New York Branch

BUDAON CITY AND DISTRICT.

Mrs. Hoskins, *Missionary*.

We have but few changes in our work to record this year. The same number of schools has been carried on as during last year, and the plan pursued has been essentially the same.

One of our Hindoo schools became so large that we were obliged to divide it and appoint another teacher.

The Bible is read with increasing interest in several of the schools. In one the teacher and the girls of the first class, not satisfied with simply reading the daily lesson, have met together after school hours, and are now reading the last book in the Bible, having taken the New Testament in course.

The Sunday-school paper edited by one of our missionaries is much valued by the older pupils, who look eagerly for a new paper every month. These little papers have found their way into some of the government schools also, and are a source of much interest to the pupils. Through these messengers they get a little knowledge of our religion, and for this or some other reasons one or two of the government girls' schools have been importuning for a Christian woman to visit them.

One of the Bible-women, whose work is in that part of the city, is now regularly visiting one of these schools.

The interest in the Sunday Schools is unabated. Besides the regular pupils, numbers of women gather in the rooms or court-yards where the schools are held, and we often find that the women are not the least attentive and retentive listeners.

The work in the villages is going on about as usual. The Bible-woman who has labored so faithfully in Ghota for the last three years has been transferred with her husband to Karanpore, where we have a new work opening.

Supported by N. E. Branch, Emily Thorne,

Maharáni; Mohammedan schools, Western Branch, Eliza Joel; New York Branch, Jersey City auxiliary, Sarah Ellen Rose; Jersey City Heights auxiliary, Lachmi; Ogdensburg auxiliary, Nellie Morris, Martha Bruce; Rochester auxiliary, Pamela Post; New York Branch, Helen Peck Crane, Jane.

Six Mohammedan schools, three Hindoo, and one Christian.

NYNEE TAL.

Mrs. Judd, *Missionary*; Florence Gonan and Ella Moses, *Teachers and Bible-readers*.

On account of the removal of Dr. Humphrey from Nynee Tal the medical work of the station has been mostly discontinued, though carried on in the out-stations as before. Of these, only Bheem Tal is at present connected with our work. Isá Dás and his wife were appointed there, but Chestine was in such poor health as to be unable to do anything from the first of the year. She lingered a great sufferer until the 25th of May, when she died in great peace and triumph. We felt her loss to be a great one, as we have few such devoted helpers; but for her to die was gain.

A girls' school of from twelve to fifteen has been kept up in the mission. Most of the girls were the children of servants or from the lower class.

A family of ten resident in the bazaar were at the close of the season baptized. They had been for a long time under instruction, and though some months previously they had broken up their idols in the presence of their neighbors they could not until recently find courage to come out and receive Christian baptism.

As so many of the people from here go down to the foot of the hills for the cold season, our native helpers are also moved and the work here mostly closes. We have at present a girls' school in Haldwani and a Bible-reader to work among the women there and in the villages near.

PALEE.

Report of Ladies' Missionary Society, Kumaon District.

Mary, Tabitta, *Bible-women*.

This is a new mission in the central and most populous part of the district. In the one pur-

gunnah of Palue there are 95,000 souls, while the population in the adjoining purgunnahs is also large. Work has but just been commenced by native brethren under the direction of the presiding elder of the District.

Mary and Tabitta visit a number of families, to whom they read and explain the Scriptures; they are also teaching a few girls to read, and often visit them at their homes. Sometimes a number of women and girls come together and spend hours with the Christian families. The Ladies' Society was asked at the beginning of the year for money for girls' schools, but it was not granted, hence no schools.

This work is supported by the Baltimore Branch.

EASTERN KUMAON.

Ramotia Barker, *Medical Woman*; Rebecca Francis, *School Teacher*; Bella, *Bible-reader*.

The work of the W. F. M. S. really commenced in this station on May 1, at which time a girls' school, having eleven scholars, was transferred to us by Rev. J. H. Budden, of the London Mission, Almorah.

Previous to that time, however, a medical woman had been working in Lohoo Ghat, and still continues so to do; she is a woman of good talent, energetic, and is doing a good work, besides having an excellent influence on all with whom she comes in contact.

The school in Pitorahgurh was closed for a short time owing to circumstances beyond the control of the missionary. It is now again opened, with fourteen scholars, and is increasing steadily in numbers and in proficiency. There is also a Bible-woman in Pitorahgurh who is doing a good work.

This work is supported by the New York Branch.

GURHWAL.

This is one of the two provinces composing the mountain district of our mission. It contains a population of 310,282, 154,537 of whom are females. The people are nearly all Hindoos, but speak a dialect so different from the written Hindee that the uneducated cannot understand the latter. They live in villages scattered here and there in the valleys or on the mountain-sides

from the plains to the everlasting snow. Many of these villages can only be reached by persons accustomed to climb mountains. According to last year's government report only one male in every twenty-two can read, and of females one of every seventeen hundred and fifty-six. The proportion of the latter is probably slightly greater of those who can simply read, for as many as one hundred have received rudimental instruction in mission schools, and there are over two hundred girls now in attendance at government schools in the north part of the province; but from them all it would be hard to find a dozen who, in any sense, could be called intelligent. Ours is the only mission in the province, and so far we have had but one missionary at a time in the field. The work is at present divided into three circuits, having head-quarters at Paori, Sreenuggar, and Chippleghat.

PAORI.

Mrs. Gill, *Missionary*; Mrs. Radford, *Assistant Missionary*; Almira Blake, *Matron and Teacher in Orphanage*; Sarah Odell, *Medical Bible-woman*; Alice, *Bible-reader*.

The mission-house, surrounded by Orphanage, school, dispensary, and other buildings, is situated about a mile from the village of Paori, which is at present the head-quarters of Government for the province. There have been during the year, living either in the Mission compound or in villages in the immediate vicinity, connected with the church, fifteen women. One, an English woman, wife of the head-master in the boys' school, though in poor health and with a very limited knowledge of the language, has so often been a support and help to us, and with a practical knowledge of medicine and nursing, has so kindly cared for the sick, that she has been a valued assistant. Four others are the wives of mission helpers, but were born and brought up in the plains, do not speak the dialect of the people, and cannot travel far without being carried in dandies. Two of them, however, Almira and Sarah, have been useful helpers; the other two, owing to sickness and care of their families, have done nothing; one of these has recently been removed with her husband to another field of labor.

The most of the women and all of the larger

orphan girls have met regularly once a week for class-meeting and once a month in a Branch Woman's Missionary Society. In the latter we have raised over six rupees in money.

GIRLS' ORPHANAGE. — Almira Blake, the first girl received into Bareilly Orphanage, and who was there for many years until her marriage, and who afterwards had some experience in teaching and caring for girls in the school at Moradabad, was brought up here early in the year as matron and teacher. The result seems to prove that it was a wise appointment. She is a kind, amiable woman, and an earnest Christian. Her example and influence has been most salutary upon the girls, and her care of them has been generally satisfactory; their health has been good, and their work, school, and sewing have been carried on regularly and systematically through the year. There are plain signs of improvement in knowledge, general neatness, and above all in Christian character and experience.

There are now fourteen girls; four new ones have been received during the year, two little ones, and two sisters seven and nine years old. Nine, viz. Sarah Jones, Sarah Gage De Conders, Ellen B. Dunton, Nancy White, Hattie Cowan, and the four new ones, Pearly Ray, Jennie De Pauw, Florence De Pauw, and Lorena Blackstone, are supported by patrons in the Northwestern Branch; two, Belle Kier and Gertrude Thomson, by the Philadelphia Branch; two, Isabella Hamline and Margaretta Lemon, by the St. Louis or Western Branch. One girl, Julia Anna Thorn, has no patron at home and never has had, so far as I can learn, but has been supported this year by a local subscription. The oldest girl, Sarah Jones, is to be married at Christmas to a Christian boy educated in Paori, who went out during the year as colporteur. This will leave thirteen girls to begin the year, seven old enough for school, and the other six under four years of age. In connection with their support it may be said that owing to the small number and the isolated position of Paori it has cost more in proportion for each girl than at Bareilly.

BIBLE-READERS. — Early in the year Sarah Odell was appointed a medical Bible-woman. She has lived with her husband, who is our native doctor, in the little dispensary which was opened last February. The female portion of

the patients coming for treatment have consulted her and she has also dispensed medicine to others in the village. Upwards of one hundred women and girls have been treated. She could not go to the villages alone, and the only available woman to send with her was Alice, a young woman whom Mrs. Wilson sent out occasionally with the Bible-reader. She is a hill-woman and seems to be a Christian of experience, two things in her favor, but she can only read a little. They began the first of April, and up to the first of December had made sixty visits to nine different villages. The more remote received two or three visits each, while those nearer by were visited from ten to twenty times. The experience of the year has taught that some further and different kind of effort is necessary to reach the female portion of the whole province. Nothing seems better than to gather young girls into schools. There is a class of lower-caste girls, however, who, as has already been mentioned, have learned to read either in government schools or in the mission boys' schools. We hope to get a number of these into a boarding school in Paori.

SREENUGGAR.

Mrs. Luke in charge.

There has been little done but school-work, and that is far from satisfactory. When the schools were examined in March the two reported last year showed some encouraging signs of improvement. In July a school for high-caste girls was opened in another part of the city on condition that it should not be visited and examined by men. After three visits, one in October and two last week, it appears promising; it is taught by a middle-aged plains' woman, the widow of a former native judge. Twenty-four names are on the roll with an attendance of seventeen or eighteen.

CHIPPLE GHAT.

No regular work has been done here as yet among the women, but Milda, the wife of Khyali, one of our best native hill preachers, has sometimes accompanied her husband to surrounding villages, and talked to the women; she has also taught two or three little girls to read. Next year the Orphanage girl, Sarah Jones, who

is to be married, will probably live here, and it is hoped that the two women together can do more than one can alone.

LUCKNOW.

THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL. — The number in both boarding and day departments is about as at the close of last year. The proposed new school building was finished early in the year, and opened in May with appropriate exercises; it is neat and commodious, amply meeting our present wants and also affording room for further expansion. The furniture is still deficient, but with Rs. 150 received recently from Government and other assistance which we hope to obtain, it will be all that we require in this as in other respects.

A valuable cabinet organ arrived in September from America, a gift from the young ladies' college in Cincinnati, which has added both pleasure and advantage to the school. The girls have made remarkable progress in singing, having received weekly instruction throughout the year, at first from Mr. McGeachie, and after his departure for Scotland, from Dr. Waugh.

The health of the girls in the boarding school has been very good, but death for the first time entered and claimed one of our best, perhaps the truest Christian of them all. Keziah Banerjee died July 9, and the influence of her life and death will long be felt by many of her schoolmates.

The blessing of God has been upon the school in the conversion of some souls. We ask its friends and patrons to remember it in their prayers that the year to come may be one of rejoicing because of the presence of the Spirit.

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HINDOO AND MOHAMMEDAN SCHOOLS. — We commenced the year with eight, four Hindoo and four Mohammedan schools, but in May, finding a desirable place, we opened another Mohammedan school in the suburbs of Lucknow. The old schools are about the same in attendance as last year, all having the same teachers and many of them the same pupils. The older girls show greater interest and pleasure in their work than those who have only begun the difficult task of being subject to the discipline of the school-room. The new school began with twenty-seven girls, none of whom could read a letter, but they were eager to learn, and begged for a teacher to instruct

them. Thus far they have fulfilled the promise we saw in them at the opening; all have learned to read some, and a number have nearly completed the first book, and yet there is no lagging in the interest of the girls. We have also a Sunday School now of over thirty girls and women. At first they were rather timid about listening to new things, and refused to learn to sing, saying, "After we learn to sing you will teach us to dance: that is contrary to our religion." But their prejudices are fast melting away: they are now willing to sing and learn the Scriptures. Our Bible-woman, Mrs. Gomez, visits each of these schools once a week and gives regular Christian instruction.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. — Two have been closed because of the difficulty in finding conveyance to them, and two new ones have been opened. This year, as before, our Sunday Schools are our most encouraging work.

The Hindustani Woman's Missionary Society numbers thirty-three members. It has met monthly throughout the year as a missionary society and weekly as a prayer-meeting. The money collected, Rs. 23, has been paid towards Sunday-school work, for buying tracts and books for zenana work, and occasionally to assist those in need of trifling necessities.

Zenana Work.

J. M. Tinsley, *Missionary*; Phebe Rowe, Mrs. Mooney, *Assistant Missionaries*; Priscilla Massey, Catherine Massey, Rosimond Heiring, Caroline Richards, Ellen Richards, Elizabeth, May Long, *Bible Women*.

The zenana work this year is more prosperous and more interesting than ever before. We have been admitted to many high-caste Hindoo families that have been closed to us, — places we have for years passed by only to look up along the dreary walls and wonder when the time would come when we could go in and talk of Jesus. We believe there are many women who have accepted Christ and are truly converted, though they dare not outwardly confess Him; we see such a change in their lives, and know them to stand severe trials and temptations with Christian fortitude. They say, "It never has been so before, but Jesus helps me now"; still they are not baptized: to speak of it at present in their families would be to have them turned out into the streets where ruin only awaits them.

GONDA AND BHARAITCH.

Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, *Missionary*; Kitty Downey, *Bible-woman*.

Our life this year has been filled with busy days, and we hope not profitless ones. We began our work in Gonda in February, and are glad that we can report some success.

We were very anxious to do something among the women and girls of the zenanas, but were told that it was no use for us to try, as there never had been any work done in the zenanas, and we would not gain admittance into their homes. We could not see any beginning, although we inquired among those whom we thought might be able to assist us. We had no Bible-woman to go with us, and not being able to speak the language very well we felt timid about attempting it alone. But day by day passed, and we grew tired of waiting for an opening, and concluded that the wisest and safest way was to make one. So one bright, lovely morning we went to the little girls' school taught by Kitty, and called out one of the girls and told her to take us to her home; we wished to see her mother. At first she would not show us, but when we explained to her that we wished to visit and talk with her she went willingly. We soon came to her home and told her to run in and ask her mother if we might come in. She came out soon, saying that her mother would be glad to see us. We went in and sat down on a little *charpai*, and commenced a conversation. We asked if there were no other women who would like to see us. Her daughter went out and soon came in with several other women; in a few moments the little court was filled. We talked to them about their homes, work, etc., then sang to them, and read from the New Testament. They were pleased and did not wish us to leave; said no white woman had ever come to see them or talk to them before. The next day we had invitations to three other homes, and so on from day to day until we had visited almost every portion of the city, and had more work than we could possibly do; so a great many homes had to be neglected for days at a time. The homes into which we first gained admittance were not those of the wealthy, high-caste people; but souls are precious wherever you find them, and we were rejoiced that we could visit and talk with the poorest of them.

Our girls' school, the only one we have in Gonda, has been taught all the year in a wee little veranda, sunshiny and hot, so hot sometimes that we could not remain long enough to teach even for a few moments. The girls are about twenty in number and attend regularly; they are all from the age of six to thirteen, bright and lively, but they are nearly all of them being trained for dancing girls. This always makes us feel very sad when we go to teach them.

The girls' schools in Baraitch are doing nicely, and have been increasing in attendance during the year. There are at present over forty girls in the two schools; they learn very well and attend regularly.

The Colonel Gunge schools are also in a prosperous condition. There are over forty girls here also; they are not very well advanced yet, but are glad to come and try to learn.

During the year we have organized a Woman's Missionary Society; and although there were only six of us to attend it, when all were present, still we met once a month and had our little work talked over, and made arrangements for more.

In April we had the pleasure of witnessing the marriage of one of the teachers with Waziren, a Mohammedan, who became converted under the preaching of a missionary. They were married by Mr. Badley in our study. Since then Waziren has been studying and applying herself diligently to all kinds of work which will enable her to become a good Bible-woman. So we are in great hopes of having her help next year.

Harmuzi Grace, the wife of a Mohammedan, is a new convert also; she and her husband were baptized during the year. Grace is the name we gave her. She is young and very pretty, very bashful and quiet; at first when we visited her she would not answer our questions, but she is becoming more free, and seems to feel at ease with us; she is reading the Gospels at present and learning rapidly.

This work is supported by the Western Branch.

ROY BAREILLY.

Mrs. McMahon, *Missionary*; Mrs. Plomer, *Bengali Zenana Teacher*; Mrs. Angelina Barnabas, *Muradan Begam, Chhoti Begam, Maulvie, Teachers*; Mrs. Salome Isa Das, Mrs. Harriett Fiske, Mrs. Agnes Domingo, *Bible-women*.

There have been four schools in progress

during the year, besides some girls gathered into a village boys' school. The most advanced, the Fort School, is doing well. The girls are remaining in it beyond our expectations.

The Jehanabad School, although a Mohammedan school, has taken its character, for the past year, from a bright little Hindoo girl, who had formerly received some instruction in a school in Lucknow, under the care of Miss Thoburn; she seems never to lose the interest in learning and good things awakened there, but leads the others on in most cheerful and interested progress. This school is but primary, as we have never been able to keep the girls long enough to make much advancement.

The great drawback in the school-work here is the unwillingness of the parents to have their children educated. Government has attempted to open schools but failed for lack of encouragement. We feel discouraged often at the small number we can gather, and acknowledge a day of small things, since we cannot exceed forty pupils in our schools; but we labor on, believing that ignorance and darkness will finally be swept away.

Two Sunday Schools have been kept up through the year, and there has always been a Sunday class of Hindoo and Mohammedan girls at the Mission Chapel Sunday School.

Mrs. Plomer has continued her weekly visits to the Bengali zenanas. The wife of the sub-assistant surgeon having sent for her to come and teach her, said, "Why did I not know from the first that you would teach me?" The wife of a "progressive Brahmo" Baboo, said, "Teach me all about God, but do not take the trouble to teach me about Christ. Just leave him out of your teaching." The reply was, "That would be the most difficult thing, — to teach you from the Bible and not teach you about Christ."

Mrs. Plomer has also taken charge of a Saturday morning Bible-class for the Christian women. The lessons were both historical and topical, and so profitable that they have often been referred to with thankfulness.

Salome, at Bhojpore, for the most part of the year, has continued her visits, in connection with her husband, from village to village.

The great annual Hindoo *mela*, at Dalmow, on the banks of the Ganges, was visited, and to

many women, as they sat in their booths, was the way of salvation through Christ pointed out.

Surrounding villages have been visited this year much more than hitherto. We have often been met with, "You have not come yet to our village. It will be a very good thing for you to come."

From little incidents that come to our ears I have no doubt but that we shall meet in Heaven some who have accepted Christ as their Saviour, though they may never have taken upon themselves the name of Christians.

This work is supported by the New England Branch.

SEETAPORE.

Mrs. Cherington, *Missionary*; Betsey Paul, *Bible-reader*; Caroline Lakhsini, *Teacher*.

This year we have kept up a village school, begun last year, with tolerable success.

We have had a Sunday School among the girls regularly. Not only were the girls regular in their attendance, but some of the village women were nearly always present and apparently attentive listeners.

Our Khyrabad School, taught by another heathen teacher, did very well for a while, but as funds were short and the distance too great to give the necessary attention during the hot months, we concluded it must be closed.

Our Mission Compound School and Sunday School have been good. Caroline, one of the native Christians, taught this school; the girls learned very rapidly. We visited this daily, when health would permit, and some religious teaching was given each day. The Sunday School has been very good indeed. Betsey, our Bible-woman, had charge of the women's class, and although some of them seem quite old, I was astonished to see how good a knowledge they have of the plan of salvation, as far as *human understanding* comprehends.

Betsey, our one Bible-woman, has done excellent work during the past year, and has more houses than she can visit. We very greatly need one or two more Bible-women. We feel that at least one more woman, and money to pay her with, must be given to carry on our Bible work as it should be next year. After working so hard to get doors opened to us, it seems a pity not to be able to go where we are wanted.

This work is supported by the Western Branch.

NAWAB GUNGE.

Rev. Joel T. Janvier, *Missionary*.

The work in this station has been marked by a steady growth in number and efficiency the past year. There are three schools, of which two were in existence at the beginning of the year,

and the third opened about three months ago. Receiving instruction in these schools are about thirty-four girls; many of these read the second book in Urdu, which is a sign of a considerable degree of interest among Hindustani women and girls.

HURDUI.

Rev. Sundar Lall.

We have four girls' schools with about seventy attendants. Besides this regular secular instruction, attention is given to the memorizing of Bible verses, Christian hymns, and the Catechism. The monthly expenses of these schools are, in part, paid by the people living here. Had we greater assistance, more schools could be opened. In connection with the day-schools there are also Sunday Schools attended by both Hindoo and Mohammedan girls and women.

CAWNPORE.

Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Gladwin, *Missionaries*; Jamna, *Zenana Teacher*.

In this large city it is to be regretted that we have not a large force and more means to occupy more efficiently the field given us. On account of the duties of our English school for boys and girls demanding much of strength and time, I have had little opportunity of giving personal attention to the work among our Hindustani sisters. A field so large and promising as this should have greater attention from the Society.

The work thus far has been chiefly among the wives and daughters of Bengalis. The teacher employed has regularly visited fifteen Bengali houses, and it is pleasant to mention her work as being in a most satisfactory condition.

CHINA.

FOOCHOW.

Miss Sallie Woolston, Miss Beulah Woolston, Miss Sigourney Trask, *M. D., Missionaries*.

SCHOOLS.—Since the summer vacation the Boarding-school has been in the new house recently erected by the Cincinnati Branch of the "W. F. M. S." The preceding year, while the building was in progress of erection, the school was in a very small house, and consequently so crowded it was deemed advisable not to increase the numbers. The new house is convenient, well arranged, and will accommodate forty pupils.

Chinese parents frequently make strange propositions for their children. Recently a mother brought a bright little girl frankly saying she thought, after keeping her in school for a few years, she should be able to sell her for \$100. Another woman, bringing two little girls, acknowledged she was very poor, and had brought the children to eat us and wear us (be fed and

clothed), but seemed quite disconcerted at the prospect of their becoming Christians. She took them away, and we have not heard from them since.

In the spring-time our *Hwai-mu* (Church mother), who had been with us many years, was taken ill, and died in great peace. She was very motherly to the children, and we hardly knew how to get along without her.

Five of the oldest scholars have recently joined the church; they are good girls. Pray for them that they may be great lights in this dark land. Three of the five are foundlings.

Tong Chio, deaconess, has rendered herself invaluable to us by the assistance she has given in the many cases of illness that have occurred during the year, also by the help she has given in school during our visits to the distant day-schools. She has been faithful in her work in the villages around.

The Tung-tong school, opened two and a half years since, has gone on regularly all through the year with nineteen scholars. This school, being only two miles away, has been visited frequently by ourselves, our teacher, and deaconess. The teacher is always ready to see us and gets along nicely.

Yek-yong school keeps up the required number of scholars, — twenty. It is twelve miles in the country, and we go to hear the recitations twice a year. The children attend very regularly, and all seem bright with two exceptions. The father of these girls has been determined the eldest should come into the boarding-school, and has annoyed us exceedingly about receiving her. His argument is, he is too poor to keep her, and he asks, "What is this day-school for, if girls are not to be selected from it for the Foochow school?"

Chong-seng-sang school has been discontinued since August. Some of the scholars made fair progress, while others came so irregularly it did them little good. Could we have had the teacher more under our control, she might have done pretty well; but she was so unfavorably situated, her school required enough attention from us to carry on half a dozen other schools. It was visited twice a week, and on Sunday after service she came up to us with her scholars for a Sunday lesson. Some of the children were very interesting. We changed the name of "Little Pig" to "Beautiful Pearl"; one morning the teacher was going to write her new name on her book, and said to her, "Find 'pearl' for me: you had it in your lesson a few days ago." The child immediately answered, "It is in the seventh chapter of Matthew," and at once turned to, "Neither cast ye your pearls before swine," putting her finger on the character for "pearl." This school was small, never numbering more than fourteen.

The Ching-sing-tong school was opened in April. The Hok-chiang teacher was married to the preacher stationed here, and has had various scholars, some of them leaving to pick tea, others to work in their shops or homes. She is a good teacher, has now been removed with her husband to King chiang city, where it is proposed to have her open a new day-school. The wife of the new preacher is now teaching at Ching-sing-tong.

Arrangements have been made to reopen the Hok-chiang school. The presiding elder there says his own wife is too stupid, but he will see that the stationed preacher teaches his wife so that she can take the school, with some of Nyung Saeng's former pupils to help teach at first.

The Tang-kong-ka school was opened two months since with twenty-four scholars. Twenty are about as many as one teacher can do justice to, and when more come the teachers are instructed to select, leaving out any who come irregularly, are disinclined to study, are stupid, or too small.

The Chan-hu school, on the Island of Lamyit, one hundred miles distant, numbers twenty, and is doing nicely. A scholar who was in the boarding-school last year is now at home attending this school. Two have died during the year. We are much pleased with a former pupil of this school, fifteen years old, married last year to the preacher at Keng-kiang; she has been teaching the women on Sunday, and promises to open a day-school, if practicable, at the new station to which they have gone, as well as teach the women on Sunday.

The school at Hung-le, on the same island, has been in progress a shorter time. The scholars recite very well, but do not recognize characters as readily as they should. It is taught by an old man assisted by a young girl who was for a time in the boarding-school; she was not far advanced and could not progress rapidly, speaking another dialect. She is to take the school as soon as able to do so. The people at the third station on the island are anxious to have a school there.

Lek-keuk School, sixty miles away, was commenced last spring, and numbers fifteen scholars. We made our second visit not long since, and going in upon them unexpectedly were gratified to find twelve bright little girls at their books. This is the cleanest day-school we have yet seen. We heard them recite in classes: they did nicely, and most of them were able to name all the characters pointed out to them.

MEDICAL WORK. — From a private letter from Miss Trask, we take the following extract:—

"I have a daily dispensary in a small building belonging to the mission and situated in our mission compound. I procured some drugs from Hong Kong to fit it up with before mine from

America came. In this place twice a day I meet the women and children, who come with all manner of sickness. The dispensary was ready for use the last of December, but my sickness (typhus fever) coming at that time delayed its opening. Before the first of February I was ready to attend to patients again. I have had the pleasure of administering to about two hundred. There have been no deaths. In a few instances I have been to native homes, but I do so only in cases of necessity; for at the average Chinese house no sooner does a foreigner appear than a multitude of men, women, and children proceed immediately to take that house by force."

PEKING.

Miss Mary Q. Porter, Miss L. L. Combs, M. D., *Missionaries.*

The school work, which is now well established in this city, has already borne precious fruit. Under date of Nov 27, 1874, Miss Porter writes, "Two girls from the school are to be received on probation to-morrow, — the first from the school. The work is prospering."

The hospital for the medical work is in course of building. Miss Combs visits patients at their own homes, and is able to do so now without an interpreter. During the last two quarters she reports having visited one hundred and seven patients.

Owing to the marriage of Miss Browne, the New England Branch has now no representative in Peking, but a lady is to be sent out by the N. E. Branch during the year.

KIU-KIANG.

Our mission in Kiu-Kiang is prospering under the care of Miss Howe and Miss Hoag, reinforced by Dr. Letitia Mason, who has entered with spirit upon her medical work; they have fourteen girls in their school, besides taking under their care three babies that they have rescued from death.

SOUTH AMERICA.

ROSARIO.

Miss Jennie M. Chapin, Miss L. B. Denning, *Missionaries.*

The rebellion, that caused us some anxiety, has been quelled. Our ladies were not personally endangered, yet their work was somewhat hindered. They have rented a commodious house for their home and school, for which they pay sixty-five dollars per month. They have access to many excellent families, the women showing a great desire for religious instruction; they describe our Bible-women, Mrs. Viney and her daughter, Romilla, as persons of rare ability, courage, and zeal.

MEXICO.

Miss Mary Hastings; Miss Susan Warner, *Missionaries*.

The Girls' Orphanage now numbers twenty-two interesting girls. Some of them are making most satisfactory progress; most of them are very young, as these are preferred, because there is more hope of raising them speedily out of the gross darkness and superstition of this people. Miss Warner has just instituted for these children their own little service of family prayer; and very sweet it is to listen to the young voices as they blend in prayer and praise every evening at six o'clock.

The Berean lessons are used in the Sabbath School. In a short time Miss Warner will have a class-meeting for the older children.

The Bible-woman, Anne Disney, supported by the Utica auxiliary in Pachua, and the woman supported by the "Asbury Gleaners," of Hamilton camp-ground, in Mexico City, have worked faithfully. They have distributed tracts, sold Gospels and Testaments, read and explained the Bible to many in their own houses, and have induced some to attend divine service.

The Pachuca School, in charge of Miss Hastings, is in a high degree of efficiency, and the friends there are greatly gratified at the progress made and the general character of the school.

We are gratified to report that while many in this country have had to endure persecution unto the death for the cause of Christ, we are all in peace and safety. The work of the mission is prospering, and the toilers are sowing the seed in faith and hope.

JAPAN.

We are as yet unable to report more than the arrival at this new missionary station of our missionary, Miss Dora Schoonmaker, M. D., sent by the Northwestern Branch, who sailed from San Francisco Oct. 30, 1874. While we can hardly expect such results as would make an interesting report before another year, it is hoped that the readers of the FRIEND may be favored from time to time with those fresh impressions and experiences which always characterize a pioneer work.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. — NAME.

THIS Association shall be called "THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

ARTICLE II. — PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female missionaries to women in the foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible-readers in these fields.

ARTICLE III. — MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying

one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

ARTICLE IV. — ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Branch and Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

ARTICLE V. — GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECT. 1. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretaries of the Branch Societies, and two delegates from each Branch, which delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch Annual Meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee. Said Committee shall meet at Boston the third Wednesday in April, 1870, and annually or oftener thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

SECT. 2. The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be,

1. To receive the Reports of the several Treasurers and ascertain from them the financial condition of the Society, and to appropriate moneys found in the several treasuries in such ways as shall be deemed best in accordance with the purposes and method herein indicated.

2. To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society, including the employment of new missionaries and the designation of their fields of labor, and to devise means for carrying forward this work, fixing the amount necessary to be raised and arranging with the Branch Societies as to the number of missionaries to be supported and the work to be undertaken by each Branch.

3. To appoint a committee, consisting of one from each Branch Society, to have charge of the missionary paper of the Society, and to arrange with the Corresponding Secretaries for the publication of an Annual Report of the work of the Society.

4. To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand. Provided, nevertheless, that all the plans and directions of the Committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VI. — BRANCH SOCIETIES.

SECT. 1. The organizations already formed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Cincinnati shall be regarded as co-ordinate Branches of this Society on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the present Constitution.

SECT. 2. Other Branches may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for districting the territory of the church:—

| Districts. | States. | Headquarters. |
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| I. | New England States | Boston. |
| II. | New York and New Jersey | New York |
| III. | Pennsylvania, Delaware | Philadelphia. |
| IV. | Maryland, District of Columbia, and Eastern Virginia | Baltimore |
| V. | Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky | Cincinnati. |
| VI. | Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, | Chicago. |
| VII. | Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Colorado | St. Louis. |
| VIII. | Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas | New Orleans |
| IX. | Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, | Atlanta. |
| X. | Pacific Coast | San Francisco |

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SECT. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, — who may be a gentleman, — and not less than ten Managers. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SECT. 4. The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and of its Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries, with the other Branches, and with its

auxiliary Societies (hereinafter mentioned), and shall endeavor by all practicable means to form auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in their Annual Report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall make such disposition of the funds as the Executive Committee may direct, each order of the Committee being duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

SECT. 5. The Executive Committee shall have full supervision of all the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, and may order the disbursement of those funds required for that work, provide for all the wants, and receive all the reports of the missionaries, Bible-women, and teachers, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by their Branch.

SECT. 6. No Branch Society shall project new work, or undertake the support of new missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the General Executive Committee.

SECT. 7. Each Branch Society may make its own By-Laws regulating its meetings and those of its Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to the efficiency of the Society, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII. — AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of ladies contributing not less than ten dollars annually, may form a Society auxiliary to that branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, three or more Vice-Presidents or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who, together, shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII. — RELATION TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH.

SECT. 1. This Society will work in harmony with and under the supervision of the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and be subject to their approval in the employment and remuneration of missionaries, the designation of their fields of labor, and in the general plans and designs of its work.

SECT. 2. All missionaries supported by the Society shall be approved by the constituted missionary authorities of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of the particular missions of the Society in which they may be severally employed; and they shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries in those particular missions.

SECT. 3. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collection or subscriptions taken during any church services or in any promiscuous public meetings, but shall be raised by securing Members, Life Members, Honorary Managers, and Patrons, and by such other methods as will not interfere with the ordinary collections or contributions for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE IX. — CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting; but Article VIII shall not be changed, except with the concurrence of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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